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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, January 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	February 15, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Franco R. Bellafante, Professional Member, Chair
Charles Adams, Jr., Professional Member, Vice-Chair
James Bielicki, Jr., Professional Member
Kelly Katz, Professional Member
Carla Cassell-Carter, Public Member (arrived at 8:40 a.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lakiyah Chambers, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Early, PLS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bellafante called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Mr. Bellafante stated that his term as Chair expired December 31, 2017 and he felt that the election of Board members should be high priority on the agenda. After a review of the statute, Mr. Maloney stated that the agenda could be followed as presented.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Trespassing Laws in Delaware

Mr. Bielicki stated that at the November meeting the Board continued its discussion on the need of a trespassing law for surveyors in Delaware and he has begun researching laws in place in other states and to date there are about 6 states that have existing language that can be used as guidance for Delaware. Mr. Bellefante added that he has researched as well and can prepare to share his findings.

The Board will continue this discussion at the February 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Certificate of Authorization Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Bielicki, seconded by Ms. Cassell-Carter, to approve the ratified Certificate of Authorization application of First Capital Engineering. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Professional Development Hours

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Mr. Bielicki, to approved the professional development hours as follows:

Florida Atlantic University
Satellite Positioning, 120 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Professional Land Surveyor Reciprocity Applications

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Bellafante, seconded by Mr. Katz, to approve Timothy Rojahn, John Bryden, Robert Bush, Steven Fuller and Brian Taylor for licensure contingent on receiving a passing score of the Delaware Drainage and Jurisprudence exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Professional Land Surveyor Applications

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the requirements for a letters of good standing from states where applicants are registered. After review of the rules and regulations and statute, Mr. Maloney stated that his interpretation is that only one letter of good standing for a substantially similar state is sufficient for the application.

A motion was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Cassell-Carter, to approve the ratified professional land surveyor applications of Jonathan Liggie, Mark Benzin, Jason Latzke and John Luciani. The motion was unanimously carried.

Election of Board Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Ballafante, seconded by Mr. Katz, to nominate Mr. Adams as Board Chair. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Adams accepted.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Bellafante, to nominate Mr. Katz as Board Vice-Chair. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Katz accepted.

A motion was made by Mr. Bellefante, seconded by Mr. Katz, to nominate Ms. Cassel-Carter as Board Secretary. The motion was unanimously carried. Ms. Cassel-Carter accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Early, professional land surveyor, was present to hand deliver a letter of good standing for an applicant and had some questions regarding the exams that are required for licensure. Mr. Maloney directed Mr. Early to §2708 (a) (2) for further guidance.

Mr. Early also inquired about the Board's discussion on trespassing laws in Delaware, to which the Board advised it was still in the early stages of discussions on drafting a future Bill.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Katz, seconded by Ms. Cassell-Carter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II